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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAQQAF

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. OMAR SAQQAF, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DIED THIS EVENING IN WALDORF ASTORIA IN NEW YORK. INDICATIONS ARE THAT DEATH OF NATURAL CAUSES.

2. USUN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR BAROODY WHO IS

SEEKING TO INFORM KING FAISAL BEFORE AUTHORIZING ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAQQAF'S DEATH. BAROODY HAS BEEN INFORMED ON SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTIONS, THAT USG PREPARED OFFER AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT BODY TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND BAROODY HAS INDICATED ACCEPTANCE.

3. YOU SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH SAG TO ASSURE THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION RECEIVED SINCE BAROODY SEEMED DISTRAUGHT AND WE ARE NOT SURE HOW CLEARLY IT WILL GET THROUGH. YOU SHOULD ORALLY CONVEY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO SAG, FORMAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGES WILL FOLLOW. INGERSOLL
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